Four laning of NHs in Rajasthan

*310. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI:

Will die Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Rajasthan has proposed four laning of NH-11 (Jaipur-Reengus-Sikar Road section), NH-12 (Jaipur-Tonk-Kota-Jhalawar road section up to MP border), NH-14 (Beawar-Pali-Sirohi road section) and NH-I8 (Beawar-Udaipur section);

(b) if so, by when these National Highways are likely to be four-laned;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the stretch between Chittorgarh to Neemuch of NH-79 and Jhalawar to MP border qualifies for four-laning; and

(d) if so, by when these stretches are likely to be four-laned?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU):(a)Yes,Sir.

(b) Jaipur-Reengus-Sikar section of NH-11, Jaipur-Tonk-Kota-Jhalawar section of NH-12 and Beawar-Pali-Sirohi section of NH-14 have been identified for 4-laning under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase III. For Jaipur-Reengus section of NH-11, Detailed Project report (DPR) has been completed. Request for prequalification (RFQ) proposal has been received for this section and is under evaluation by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). For Reengus-Sikar section of NH-11, Jaipur-Tonk-Kota-Jhalawar section of NH-12 and Beawar-Pali-Sirohi section of NH-14 preparation of DPRs have been taken up. Project under NHDP Phase III are targeted for completion by December 2013.

Upgradation of Beawar-Udaipur section of NH-8 has not been included in any Phase of NHDP However, preparation of Feasibility-cum-Preliminary Design Report for 4/6 laning of this section has been taken up. It is premature to indicate target for four laning of this section.

(c) and (d) In the stretch from Chittorgarh to Neemuch, the portion from Rajasthan/ Madhya Pradesh border to neemuch is not National Highway. The stretch of NH-79 between Chittorgarh and Rajasthan/Madhya Pradesh border qualifies for four-laning. There is no proposal for four-laning of this stretch at present. Jhalawar—Madhya Pradesh Border section of NH-12, does not qualify for four-laning.

Illegal coal mining

*311. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that due to illegal mining of coal, several tonnes of coal is being looted by coal mafia from coal fields;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the illegal coal mining activities have increased in the coal fields and the steps taken by Government to check such illegal coal mining have proved ineffective; and